

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended): A card reader for reading card data recorded in a card, comprising:

an insertion passage adapted to accept a card, said insertion passage including a stopper member with which an end of the card comes in ~~contact when~~ contact with when it is inserted in a main body by a predetermined length;

a breakage detector for detecting whether said stopper member has been broken; and

an error processor, coupled to said breakage detector, for executing an error process when the breakage of said stopper member is detected by said breakage detector.

Claim 2. (original): The card reader of claim 1, further comprising:

a conductor, said conductor running along said stopper member;

wherein said breakage detector detects whether the conductor has been cut.

Claim 3. (original): The card reader of claim 1, wherein said stopper member further comprises:

a pawl portion formed at a position between a light-emitting unit and a light-receiving unit arranged facing each other, and said breakage detector detects whether said light-receiving unit is receiving light emitted from said light-emitting unit.

Claim 4. (original): The card reader of claims 1, 2, or 3, further comprising:

a shutter member driven between a first state when said insertion passage is blocked and a second state when said insertion passage is opened;

wherein, when said breakage detector has detected the breakage of said stopper member, the shutter member is driven to said first state.

Claim 5. (original): A card reader comprising:

an insertion passage adapted for accepting a card, said insertion passage comprising a stopper member in which an end of the card comes into contact when it is inserted in a main body by a predetermined length; and a shielding member, said shielding member being directly or indirectly anchored to said stopper member;

wherein said shielding member shields said insertion passage when said stopper member has been broken or is in a state of not being anchored.

Claim 6. (original): The card reader of claim 5, further comprising:

a breakage detector for detecting the breakage of said stopper member; and

an error processor for executing an error process when the breakage of said stopper member is detected by said breakage detector.

Claim 7. (original): A card reader comprising:

an insertion passage for accepting a card, said insertion passage including a stopper member with which an end of the card comes in contact when the card is inserted in said insertion passage by a predetermined length; and

a breakage detector for detecting whether said stopper member has been broken.